(c) and (d) The Government have, however, made a special provision for external candidates to undergo MD (Homoeopathy) examination. The Government have received the representation against such special provision. The Government, however, is of the opinion that this special provision is necessary to make available teachers with Post Graduate qualifications for teaching in the Homoeopathy institutions.

Hepatitis-B Vaccination Programme

†*276. DR. A.K. PATEL: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have conducted any survey regarding the practicality and success of Hepatitis-B Vaccination Programme in the slums of the country;

(b) if so, the number of people benefited by the said programme; and

(c) the names of the States in which the said programme has been implemented?

THE MINISTER OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRIMATI SUSHMA SWARAJ): (a) to (c) The pilot project for introduction of Hepatitis B vaccine under the Universal Immunization Programme was launched by the Hon' ble Prime Minister on 10th June, 2002. The objective of this pilot project is to assess the feasibility of introduction of Hepatitis-B vaccine under the universal Immunization Programme.

The Project is being implemented is slum areas of 15 cities in the First Phase and thereafter in 32 districts in the Second Phase. Names of the cities districts covered under the Project are given in Statement I and II. (*See* below). This project is expected to cover about 16.1 lakh infants.

The training of the master trainers, medical officers and vaccine handlers etc. has been completed in most of the cities included in the First Phase of the Project. The vaccination of targeted infants in Hyderabad (Andhra Pradesh) has already started. the vaccination in other cities would start soon.

†Original notice of the question was received in Hindi.

Statement I

Names of Cities Covered under the Project

Sl.No.	Name of the city
1	Greater Mumbai
2	Kolkata
3	Chennai
4	Delhi
5	Hyderabad
6	Bangalore
7	Ahmedabad
8	Kanpur
9	Pune
10	Lucknow
11	Vadodra
12	Jaipur
13	Indore
14	Patna
15	Bhopal

Statement II

Names of districts coverd under the Project

Sl.No.	State		District
1	Tamil Nadu	1	Madurai
		2	Nilgiri
		3	Virudhunagar
		4	Ramanthapuram
2	Kerala	5	Alappuzha
		6	Ernakulam
		7	Pathanamthitta

Sl.No.	State		District
3	Karnataka	8	Kodagu (Kurg)
		9	Shimoga
		10	Mysore
4	A.P.	11	Chittor
		12	Vizianagaram
5	Goa	13	Goa
6	Maharashtra	14	Ratnagiri
		15	Chandrapur
		16	Satara
7	M.P.	17	Balaghat
8	Orissa	18	Sundergarh
9	Punjab	19	Ropar
		20	Hoshiarpur
10	Haryana	21	Panchkula
		22	Ambala
11	H.P.	23	Hamirpur
		24	Solan
12	Uttaranchal	25	Nainital
13	Pondicherry	26	Pondicherry
14	Lakshadweep	27	Lakshadeep
15	Assam	28	Jorhat
		29	Sibsagar
16	J & K	30	Rajouri
		31	Udhampur
17	Gujarat	32	Surat